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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence  
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VIA : Chairman, National Intelligence Council  
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FROM : [Redacted]  
National Intelligence Officer for General Purpose Forces

SUBJECT : 17 November SIG Meeting on US Foreign Policy Goals and  
Military Forces (S)

I have reviewed the draft discussion paper for the subject meeting and found it to be a good document. A couple of points:

A. US Forward Deployment (Section III C.)

You may wish to point out a discrepancy: The text reads, "The United States contributes four in-place Army divisions and eight Air Force wings, and is pledged to provide six reinforcing Army divisions...." Actually, the Army has four divisions, two separate brigades (not counting the Berlin Brigade), and two armored cavalry regiments forward deployed. It would be more accurate to say, "The United States contributes the equivalent of five in-place Army divisions...and is pledged to provide five reinforcing Army divisions...." The fact that only four division headquarters (flags) are permanently stationed in Europe should not obscure the real size of our standing contribution.

Reasons for amending the wording of the paper are:

- accuracy;
- greater public awareness of the dimensions of the US commitment, hence greater confidence in the US as an Alliance partner;
- greater deterrent value of the larger commitment;
- possible leverage with allies for increasing their commitments;

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-- reinforcement of General Rogers's argument that a  
conventional defense is possible with small increases  
in NATO budgets (four percent real growth for each  
of the next six years).

B. SLOC Protection (Section III G.)

In regard to the allocations devoted to SLOC protection which are  
included in the 20% + increase in the fleet by 1990--to some degree, our  
efforts in SLOC protection make the Soviets less inclined to target SLOCs  
because they would need a major effort to perform significant interdiction.  
A little money here could go a long way.

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Attachment:

List of US Forward Deployed  
Ground Units (S)

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List of US Forward Deployed Ground UnitsGermany

1st Armored Division  
3d Armored Division  
3d Infantry Division (Mechanized)  
8th Infantry Division (Mechanized)  
3d Brigade, 1st Infantry Division (Mechanized)  
3d Brigade, 2d Armored Division  
2d Armored Cavalry Regiment  
11th Armored Cavalry Regiment

Italy

Separate airborne battalion combat team

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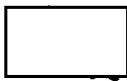


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